



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Hisashi HOTTA

Group Art Unit: 1752

Application No. 09/826,888

Examiner: Cynthia Hamilton

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For: PLANOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Hisashi HOTTA, do declare and state as follows:

I graduated from the graduate school of Gifu University, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Applied Chemistry with a Master's Degree in Engineering in March 1989;

I joined Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. in April 1989, and since that time, I have been engaged in research and development in the field of processing surfaces of aluminum materials;

I am the inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application; and

I am familiar with the Office Action of February 23, 2005 and understand that the Examiner has rejected claims 2 to 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112(a) as being unpatentable.

I declare that a development process used in the invention does not include particular surface modification processes and thus the contact angle of the surface of the anodic oxidation coating before the recording layer is formed thereon is not different from that after development.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

DATE: May 30, 2005

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